Assessed On Brain

Strain of hearing assessment protest after assessment protest since the beginning of the month is beginning to tell on Waldo Skillings, chairman of the Greater Victoria court of revision.

For the second time this week, he referred yesterday to the court "assessing" for a few minutes for coffee.

And he also reminded a lawyer of the principle of "caviar emptor."

Centre to Become Span to Normalcy

A planned social centre in Victoria for just-discharged mental patients echoes the thinking behind Ontario's new program to provide mental patients with an environment as close to "normal" as possible.

Members of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association said it was hoped definite plans for an early start on the centre would be made at a meeting in March.

"It won't be an institution—it will be a connecting link with the community," said branch president Mrs. Edith Frankham last night.

"We just plan to start in a small way with a lounge-type centre where they can get support until they're integrated again."

The branch president said that those attending the centre "will be offered a friendly hand on a lay level."

"And any of them with a problem can be referred to the proper person."

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All Possessions Destroyed

Family Flees Blaze

A Sooke family is homeless and without possessions today as the result of an early morning fire yesterday which destroyed their old frame house a mile west of Saseenos.

Alex Oliphant, 50, his Sooke schoolteacher wife and two children, Lee, 9, and Lynn, 7, escaped without injury in their night clothes.

The Oliphants are staying temporarily at the home of Mrs. Oliphant's mother, at the back of the Oliphant property.

"The neighbors have been wonderful," Mrs. Oliphant said last night.

"We've only been here a short while, but they've been very good to us, indeed."

A neighbor said she expected that the Oliphants would soon be moving into an auto court.

"They're not destitute or anything like that," she said. The house was insured, Mr. Oliphant said.

The family retired about 10 p.m. Tuesday night shortly after Mr. Oliphant had put two fresh logs on the open fire in the living-room fireplace.

Smoke awakened Mrs. Oliphant at 1 a.m. Flames were licking the bedroom walls.

She awakened her husband and they got their children and rushed outside.

Sooke fire department arrived a short time later, but the house was completely gutted and everything inside destroyed.

Rabbit Breeders To Meet Today

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Echoes of a spectacular car crash which proved fatal to one man and seriously injured two others were heard in Saanich police court yesterday.

Launched in that court before Magistrate William Ostler was the preliminary hearing of Patrick Norman Morrison of South Burnaby on a charge of criminally negligent driving.

The accident occurred last Aug. 21, at the intersection of Patricia Bay and Trans-Canada highways.

Accused is charged with being driver of a car in which William O. Boyce, also of Vancouver, was fatally injured. Morrison and John McKay, also in the car, were gravely injured.

All three were marine pilots, just recently arrived to join the B.C. Pilots' Association in Victoria.

The crash itself was described graphically by Richard C. Steel, 2138 Central.

Mr. Steel told the court he was driving his own car toward Victoria on the Patricia Bay Highway, and stopped at the stop sign at the Trans-Canada Highway intersection.

While stopped, he said, a car passed on the right-hand side at a very high speed, "more than 50 miles an hour."

The car hit lane-division tiling then, "as if off a ski-jump, took off into the air" and landed 40 yards beyond, he said, then bounced and turned over before stopping.

Capt. Burt C. Higgs, 3743 Waring, also a B.C. Coast pilot, said the three men had attended a pilots' meeting from 10 a.m. to 2.15 p.m. that day, Aug. 21. Then they had accompanied him to the British Public Schools' Club where each had "two or three" drinks of Scotch.

After a visit to his home the others had departed in Morrison's car to go fishing out from Sidney.

The hearing was adjourned to Monday afternoon.

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Also in Saanich court Josar Franc, 4323 Shelbourne, pleaded guilty to trying to obtain welfare assistance when not eligible. He was fined $25 and costs.

In city court yesterday a 16-year-old Victoria youth, whose transfer had been ordered from juvenile court, pleaded guilty to theft of an automobile.

Donald Richard Nelson admitted taking a car at about 12.30 a.m. Feb. 7 from the used car lot of Jameson Motors. Police said the car was recovered about an hour later in Oak Bay, damaged to the extent of about $450 after colliding with another car.

The youth was remanded to Feb. 17 for a probation report.

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In Colwood police court Wednesday Kenneth Alexander Campbell, 1514 Amphion, was found guilty of having an offensive weapon. He was fined $25 and placed on probation for one year.

Obituaries

Waring Burial Tuesday

Funeral of well-known Victoria business and clubman Frank Waring, a resident of Victoria for more than 60 years, was held in Vancouver Tuesday.

He had been living in Vancouver for a number of months before his death Sunday.

Until his retirement in 1949, Mr. Waring was associated with Smith, Davidson and Wright Ltd.

A member of the Rotary Club for many years, he was also chairman of the tourist group of the Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. H. L. Penhorwood of Vancouver; a sister, Mrs. Helen Hoxie in California; and a brother Norman, also in California.

Ernest M. Goucher

Funeral services for a Langford-Colwood resident of 45 years, Ernest M. Goucher, 83, who died yesterday at his home, 751 Goldstream, will be held Saturday at 3.15 p.m. at McCall's Funeral Home.

An electrical engineer, his last position was with the mechanical branch at HMC Dockyard.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Muriel, at home; three daughters, Mrs. L. B. Peatt and Mrs. T. W. Seward, both of Colwood; Mrs. Fred Pitt, View Royal; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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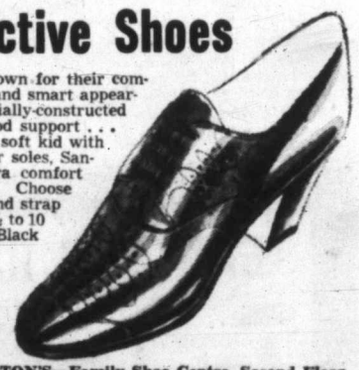

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